

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

Zoom Meeting – Web Conference

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The Work Session of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of West Cape May was called to order by Mayor Sabo at 4:00pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mayor Sabo who then led those present in the flag salute. Mayor Sabo, Deputy Mayor Burke and Commissioner Francis answered roll call. Also in attendance: Municipal Clerk Suzanne Schumann and Solicitor Chris Gillin-Schwartz.

WORK SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 - Coronavirus Discussion:

Mayor Sabo stated that she is concerned with uptick of positive cases in the county and mentioned the review of protocols and monitoring the health and safety of everyone. Commissioner Francis stated that he agreed with the office closure due to the recent exposure. Deputy Mayor Burke agrees with the office being closed and hopes everyone keeps mind of their surroundings over the holiday weekend.

Flooding Concerns at 601/603 Sunset Boulevard:

Mayor Sabo stated that Engineer Roberts is working with the County Engineer to remedy the flooding issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Addresses on Sunset Boulevard:

Deputy Mayor Burke received a complaint from a resident regarding the duplicate property addresses on Sunset Boulevard on West Cape May and Sunset Boulevard in Lower Township which is causing mail delivery problems amongst the property owners. Clerk Schumann stated that she received this complaint as well and directed it to the Borough's Tax Assessor. Clerk Schumann stated that the Borough's Tax Assessor indicated that the address issue lies within Lower Township's jurisdiction and the concern should be addressed to Lower Township, although it is unlikely that any changes would be made. Deputy Mayor Burke stated that he would follow up with the Borough's Tax Assessor before responding to the resident.

Noise Concerns at 127 Myrtle Avenue:

Deputy Mayor Burke spoke of an email which he received from Doug Carnes, owner of Wilbraham Mansion, which outlined several noise complaints which are a result of a newly installed pool at his neighbor's property. Mr. Carnes stated that he has contacted the police department but the property owner is not cited and the complaints continue. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz stated that the complaining property owner can file a complaint against his owner for a noise nuisance and believes that there are other statutory provisions other than citing the renters.

PUBLIC PORTION

NONE

The Work Session concluded at 4:18pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis, the following Consent Agenda was unanimously approved on roll call vote.

Minutes:

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Ordinances for Introduction and Publication:

NONE

Resolutions:

146-20 Bill Payment

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

Ordinances for Second Reading and Public Hearing:

589-20 An Ordinance Amending Section 26 of the Borough Code Regarding Schedule of Fees
Mayor Sabo opened the public hearing. When no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and Commissioner Francis made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to adopt Ordinance 589-20. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

590-20 An Ordinance Amending Section 27 of the Borough Code Regarding Fences
Mayor Sabo opened the public hearing. When no one wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and Commissioner Francis made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke, to adopt Ordinance 590-20. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Public Hearing – Person-to-Person Transfer – Plenary Retail Distribution License:

Anthony Monzo, Esquire, spoke on behalf of West Cape Liquor, LLC (Exit Zero), and explained that there is no actual movement of the license, but rather an expansion to include the entire property, less the landscaping areas, buffer area and public Right-of-Way. Mr. Monzo stated that the licensee holder would be required to follow the Borough's Ordinances and regulations. Solicitor Gillin-Schwartz confirmed that the license holder would continue to be responsible for adhering to the provisions of the license, borough code and zoning regulations. Mayor Sabo stated that the Borough would like to do their best to accommodate this request.

Resolutions:

147-20 Authorizing Place-to-Place Transfer – Plenary Retail Consumption License

On motion by Deputy Mayor Burke, seconded by Commissioner Francis, Resolution 147-20 was approved. The motion was carried unanimously on roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Francis mentioned that he expects to have an update on the low-income project in the beginning of 2021.

Deputy Mayor Burke thanked the Borough's Public Works, Susan Crossan, Ralph Regan and Todd Land for their help with holiday decorations.

Mayor Sabo spoke of the Hospitality Weekend hosted by the West Cape May Business Association which is scheduled for December 4th through 6th and supports the West Cape May business community.

PUBLIC PORTION

Tom Myers, 304 Second Avenue, questioned the construction vehicles on Sunset Boulevard and the status of the Sunset Boulevard project. Mayor Sabo stated that the work on Sunset Boulevard is storm drainage replacement and suggested Mr. Myers reach out to the County Engineer regarding the status of the Sunset Boulevard reconstruction project.

Mr. Myers questioned whether the Cape May Police would be expanding into West Cape May. Mayor Sabo stated that she has not been approached by the City of Cape May and stated that the current police sub-station is in a building owned by the Borough of West Cape May.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm on motion of Commissioner Francis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Schumann, RMC
Municipal Clerk